(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such institutions will come up in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to set up an AIIMS-like institution in the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, two medical college institutions, *viz.* Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad and Sree Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh are being upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). The process of upgradation of these institutions will be completed by 2010.

Shortage of medicines and investigation centres

†62. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report issued by Chronic Care Foundation according to which more than twenty five per cent health centres do not have the stock of medicines of diabetes and eighty six per cent districts do not have investigation centres for the diseases related to modern like style;

(b) whether these health centres, especially in rural areas, are facing an acute shortage of medicines investigation centres and doctors; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the highlights of the findings of the report titled 'Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases in India-A study of Gaps, quality and Cost of Care has been received from Chronic Care Foundation. The survey was based on the responses of the affected respondents.

(b) and (c) The Primary Health Care is being provided in rural areas through a network of 145272 Sub Centres, 22370 Primary Health Centres and 4045 Community Health Centres as on March, 2007. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are released to State/UT Governments for upgradation of the existing SCs, PHCs and CHCs which *interalia* includes provisions for medicines, laboratory services and contractual appointments of doctors. The requirements of funds are reflected by respective State/UT Government in their annual Programme Implementation Plan and funds are released to States/UT Governments as per the approval of National Programme Coordination Committee.

As on March, 2007, a total of 5117 Specialist are in position at CHCs and a total of 22608 Doctors are in position in PHCs.

Further State Governments have taken a number of initiatives to ensure presence of doctors in rural areas such as:

- Compulsory rural/difficult area posting for admission to post-graduate courses and as a pre-requisite for promotion, foreign assignment or training abroad;

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- Compulsory rotation of doctors on completion of prescribed tenure as per classification of locations;

- Contractual appointment of doctors;

- Option to forgo non practicing allowance and undertake practice without compromising on assigned duties, as per the service rules; offering incentive in form of allowance etc.

- Manning of PHCs by NGOs/ Non Government Stakeholders.

- Involvement of Medical colleges.

Quality Council of India

†63. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Quality Council of India is recognized by Government;

(b) whether Government hospitals of some States have started process of obtaining certificates from Quality Council of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Quality Council of India (QCI) was set up in 1997 as an autonomous body by The Govt. of India jointly with the Indian Industry.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government hospitals have started process of obtaining certificates from Quality Council of India (QCI). The details (State-wise) are as given below:

Sl. No.	State	No. of hospitals
1.	Gujarat	36
2.	Kerala	14
3.	Tamil Nadu	12
4.	Delhi	7
5.	Madhya Pradesh	5
6.	Uttar Pradesh	1
7.	Govt. of India	1 (Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi)

World Bank credit for eradication/control of certain diseases

64. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved a credit of 521 million US dollars for implementation of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme and Polio Eradication Support Project;

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